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SUBJECT: LATVIA CONSIDERS RESOLUTION ON EXTENSION OF THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES MANDATE AT THE HRC UNBALANCED

REF: STATE 35404

Classified By: Ambassador Catherine Todd Bailey for Reason 1.4(d)

(C) PolEconOff delivered reftel points March 22 to Liga Rozeniece, Head of International Organizations Division at the MFA, and urged the GOL's support to defer action on the resolution dealing with the occupied territories mandate at the Human Rights Council (HRC) until June. Rozeniece responded that the GOL wants a balanced approach to addressing such issues and that the proposed resolution is not "well balanced." She added that, as the GOL is not currently a member of the HRC, it can only influence developments concerning the resolution through the EU. Post will report any further GOL response.
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